

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department Office of Emergency Management

AGENDA DATE: September 13, 2005

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Donald Berger 771-1010

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

Approve a resolution adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) by the City of El Paso to be used during all activities related to the management and preparedness for certain disaster and hazard situations.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

On February 28, 2003, the President of the United States issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) – 5 that directed the Department of Homeland Security, in cooperation with representatives of federal, state, and local government, to develop a National Incident Management System (NIMS) to provide a consistent approach to the effective management of situations involving natural disasters, man-made disasters or terrorism. HSPD–5 requires that state and local governments adopt the NIMS by fiscal year 2005 as a pre-condition to the receipt of federal grants, contract and activities related to the management and preparedness for certain disaster and hazard situations.

El Paso receives federal grants for Emergency Planning, Training, and Equipment purchases through the State Homeland Security Grant Program.

Governor Rick Perry declared that NIMS is the state standard for incident management in the State of Texas on February 23rd, 2005 through Executive Order RP40.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

No.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

No funding required. Funding for implementing NIMS is available through Homeland Security Grants.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____

FINANCE: (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

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APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

RESOLUTION

CITY CLERK DEPT.

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2003, the President issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5 that directed the Department of Homeland Security, in cooperation with representatives of federal, state, and local government, to develop a National Incident Management System (NIMS) to provide a consistent approach to the effective management of situations involving natural disasters, man-made disasters or terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the final NIMS was released on March 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS contains a practice model for the accomplishment of the significant responsibilities associated with prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation of all major and national hazards situations; and

WHEREAS, the HSPD-5 requires that state and local governments adopt the NIMS by fiscal year 2005 as a pre-condition to the receipt of federal grants, contract and activities related to the management and preparedness for certain disaster and hazard situations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of El Paso, Texas desires to adopt the NIMS as required by HSPD-5.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Council adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for incident management by the city of El Paso.

Adopted this 13th day of September 2005.

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ernesto Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Roberto Rivera, Fire Chief
Fire Department